

3 DAY/2 NIGHT PACKAGE CLOUD FOREST PARADISE – STAY IN OUR UNIQUE LODGE, IN THE MIDST OF OUR EXTENSIVE RESERVE

Our three-day trip is a wonderful way to become acquainted with the special environment of a cloud forest so close to Quito – only one hour 45 minutes away!

We offer our guests a unique stay in paradise, above the forest canopy, surrounded by myriads of hummingbirds! Stay in our half-timbered Trailhead House, in The Pichincha or Tandayapa Suite, in the Bamboo House, in our four-story geodesic dome; or in one of our superior Mountain View rooms, or in the House in the Woods truly away from it all.

You will enjoy our generous servings of delicious national and international food, the fabulous views of forest and mountains, and our extensive network of safe, well-marked trails.

Our itinerary gives you the choice of a variety of guided activities, or the chance to explore on your own, or indeed just to relax! Note that you can choose according to your interests and level of physical challenge you want.... easy hikes to full-scale adventure!

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Day One:

At 6:30 AM your driver will collect you at your hotel. We'll start driving along the Calacali – Nanegalito road with colorful landscapes and ever-changing vistas all the way. Somewhere on the road we will turn left and on to the secondary road which for about 30 more minutes will take us to Bellavista Lodge, perched on top of the Tandayapa Valley.

Arrival at Bellavista. Your guides will greet you here and will show you your room and facilities before going for breakfast.

Settle in after breakfast and then meet your guide at an appointed place in the lodge for a short briefing, and right away your hike will commence. Your guide will choose the best trails and hike options according to the group size (no more than 7 hikers), weather and trail conditions.

After 2 or more hours of easy and very educative hike, you are back in the lodge for lunch.

Afternoon: your package includes another forest hike into another different trail among the many trails in Bellavista – discover the ecology of this mysterious forest. Dinner and overnight. You may well get a good sighting of the delightful Olinguito, right at the Lodge!

Day Two:

As your guide had mentioned the day before, today you have the option (included in your package) to go on this early 6:15 / 6.30 AM morning bird hike. Your guide will only be focusing on the birds of Bellavista, all around the Lodge.

At 8:00 AM we serve our special Bellavista breakfast.

Once again and as appointed by your guide, you will meet and chat about your next hike. Different trails every time, perhaps this time you will go and discover our waterfalls along the adventurous Yumbo / Immersion Trail. Lunch at 1 PM.

Afternoon: An option to go and discover the trails on your own, along the self-guided trail or by the aid of our trail-map. This will definitely be a highly exciting moment. Or, join your included guided hike with your guide at 3 PM or just sit and chat with other guests while watching the feeders at close quarters full of hummingbirds of 10-12 different species!

Dinner and overnight.

Day Three:

Early morning bird hike. Same as yesterday or if you are not a birder, just lie down and listen to the awakening of the forest as the sun appears and sets the world in motion.

8:00 AM: Breakfast

Further hikes for discovery of the exuberant forests around the lodge are as planned in your package or just relax in our lounge or talk to your guide for any Day Excursions he may have available for today outside Bellavista!

Lunch

Afternoon: siesta

At 3:00 PM and after settling your bill for any souvenirs or extras, your driver will be waiting for you to embark for your transfer back to Quito City. Transfers to and from the airport are also available at extra cost!

At around 5 PM you will be arriving back at your hotel in Quito.

End of the trip

What to bring:

Camera
Binoculars
Change of clothes (two better)
Warm clothes for the evenings
Rain poncho
Sunhat and sunscreen
Rubber boots provided - up to size 47 (few pairs only in largest sizes)

What is included:

8 meals , starting with breakfast Day One, and finishing after lunch Day Three
2 nights accommodation
Shared Naturalist Guide Service
Access to 700 hectare Reserve
Private, round trip transport from Quito city